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MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Re: Application of Italo BUSI, Pietro GRANDI, Michele FONTANA
METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR END-TO-END CONNECTION
BETWEEN AN RPR AND AN MPLS NETWORK
Assignee: ALCATEL
Our Ref. Q76443

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above comprising 13 sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract, 3 sheets of drawings, executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form, and executed Declaration and Power of Attorney. Also enclosed is an Information Disclosure Statement and PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified), and Preliminary Amendment.

**PLEASE SEE THE ATTACHED PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT BEFORE
CALCULATING THE FEE**

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	15 - 20	=		x	\$18.00	=	\$0.00
Independent claims	2 - 3	=		x	\$84.00	=	\$0.00
Base Fee							\$750.00

TOTAL FILING FEE	\$750.00
Recordation of Assignment	\$40.00
TOTAL FEE	\$790.00

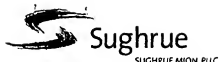
Checks for the statutory filing fee of \$750.00 and Assignment recordation fee of \$40.00 are attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Europe	02291952.6	August 2, 2002

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The priority document is enclosed herewith.

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